

Date

Ernie Drake, III  
P.O. Box 189  
Ponchatoula, Louisiana 70454

**Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-297**

Dear Mr. Drake:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its May 20, 2016 Board meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether it would be a conflict of interest for you to hire a former clerk for the City of Ponchatoula to your law office while you represents the City. You represent the City on a contractual basis. You are considering hiring the former city clerk who has recently left her position. She would be hired in a clerical role in your office and would not handle any affairs for your office in which she participated while employed by the City. Recently, the former city clerk has accepted a position elsewhere and you do not anticipate extending her an offer for the position.

After careful consideration, the Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that it declines to render an advisory opinion in the above captioned matter as the issue is moot.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

Brett Robinson  
For the Board

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THIS IS NOT AN OPINION OF THE BOARD OF  
ETHICS